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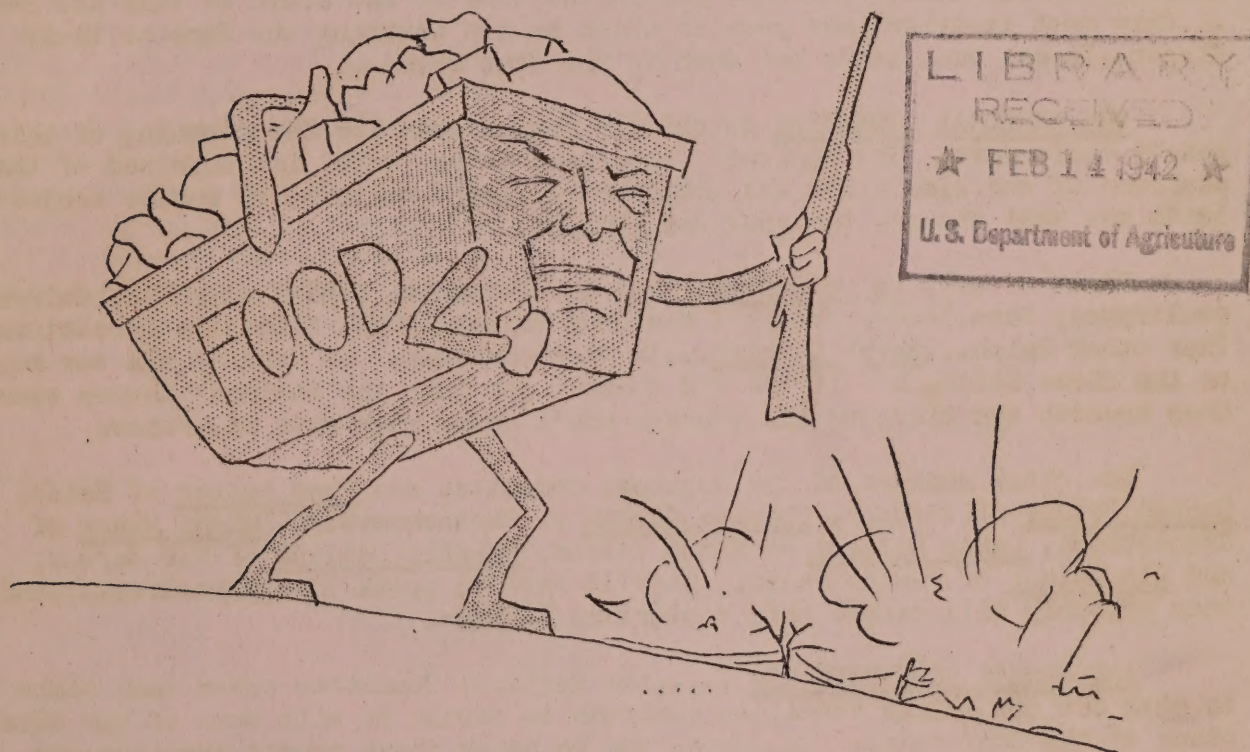
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The fellow who drew that cartoon needs some bicarbonate of soda. He must have dyspepsia. I don't feel that way about any victuals, neither do I feel that way about producing food...plenty of it...at prices that are fair both ways...and in spite of shortages of labor, machinery, and materials. Maybe that's because I don't do the hoeing or the milking. But, anyway, the food job is vital and it's our job. Everyone in the Conference is some sort of officer in the food army, with definite and important responsibilities. We don't want anybody to go home without knowing what his responsibilities are, where he gets his orders, what authority he has, and how he is going to get his job done.

A. W. Manchester

HERE WE ARE AGAIN -- Someone must have said a kind word about last year's Conference News, for here it is again. Its volunteer editors warn you that its issues are liable to be both unorthodox and unpredictable, that it is strictly unofficial, and that any restatement or reprinting of items contained therein is liable to make an awful liar out of someone.

AND WE'RE IN THE PINK....or were we color blind when we looked at this paper. The purchasing agent has already been accused (most unjustly) of buying paper at bargain prices from red organizations which turned pale pink "after Pearl Harbour"....Anyhow, the editors of today's issue (new ones tomorrow) are feeling "in the pink," and hope you're the same at the start of this New Year... ..this most important new year in which we are to bring the Japs to their Nippon..Knees; but, let's get down to the fact that ...

THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE is chiefly responsible for the planning of this year's conference. The Regional Committee, as you know, is comprised of the chairmen of our nine state AAA committees.....and while we're on the subject, let's see what changes the year has brought.

First of all, Ralph Graham, that level-headed, public-spirited, dairyman-poultryman, farm-leader from the Merrimac Valley of New Hampshire is chairman. That other Ralph...Ralph DeWolfe...is vice-chairman. We used up all our adjectives on the first Ralph, but if the 2nd doesn't get into the farmers' heaven someday, then breadth and kindness and courage don't count much with St. Peter.

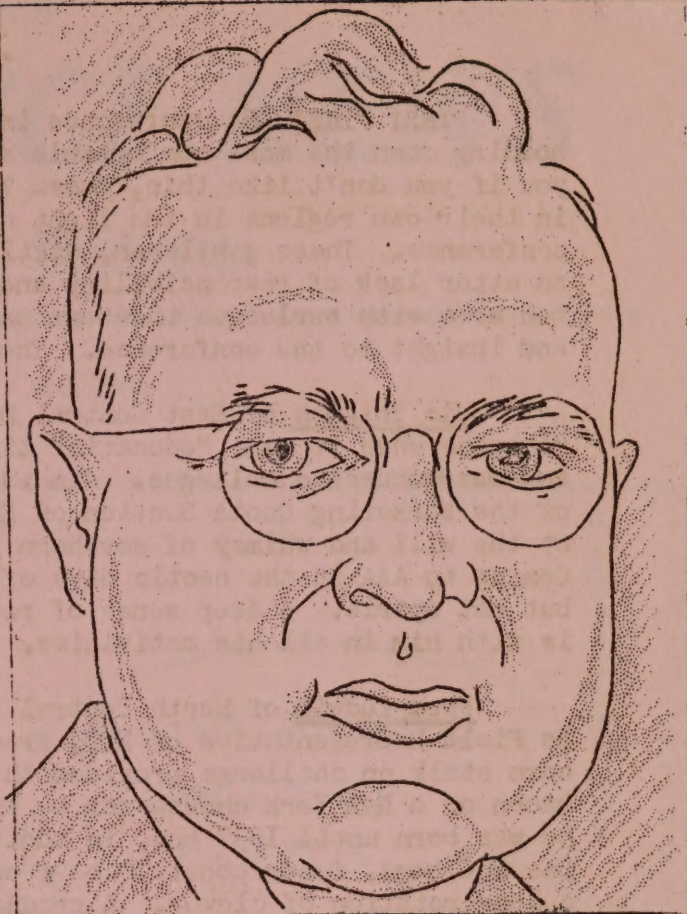
The other members of the Regional Committee are Fred Nutter of Maine, George Bailey of Vermont, Charlie Jordan of Massachusetts, Dwight Minor of Connecticut, Oscar Hallene of Rhode Island, Charlie Collins of New Jersey, and Jim Walker of Pennsylvania. They'll have to speak for themselves....and they probably will before this conference is over.

AND HERE'S SOMETHING NEWthe Regional Committee asked each State to pick out one county committee chairman to assist it with some of the detailed plans of the Conference. We advise you to watch these county committeemen.... they must be good, or they wouldn't have been picked by their respective State Committees (but they still have to prove it to us). Their names are Robert D. Hastings of Oxford county, Maine; George A. Bassett of Rockingham county, New Hampshire; Thomas Macauley of Addison county, Vermont; Edward Dwyer of Norfolk county, Massachusetts; Harold Strickland of Middlesex county, Connecticut; Edwin Knight of Providence county, Rhode Island; Harry Underwood of Cortland county, New York; Henry Bibus, Jr. of Burlington county, New Jersey; and Merion Shoemaker of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

R. M. "Spike" Evans.....he has a new title and added responsibilities now --- administrator of Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment....but he's the same old "Spike" and we know that his heart still belongs to the Triple-A. AAA employees, millions of farmers and more than a few Englishmen, know "Spike" and all of them know that he rates all the A's in any man's alphabet. He's still pretty much the same fellow that he was back on his farm in Iowa.

His fame has spread a bit more, perhaps, and with it that of the Triple-A....when he went to England, the farmers there wanted to know more about the program he administers.

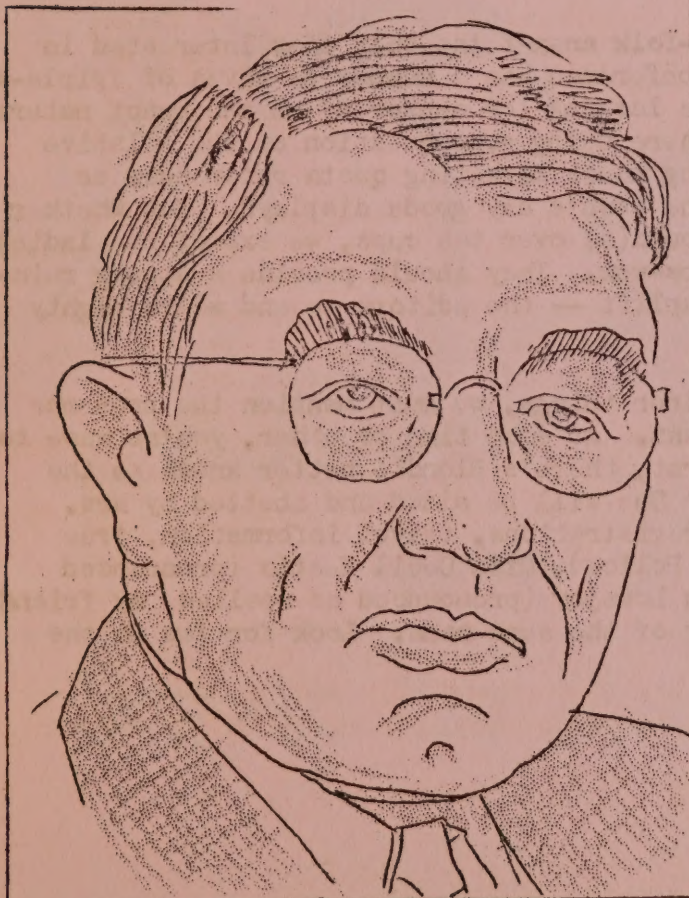
Yes, he's our own "Spike", distinguished in looks and deeds, sincere, fair-minded, hard-hitting exponent of farmers' rights and agriculture's destiny. We're damned proud of him.



M. Clifford Townsend, former Commissioner of Agriculture and Governor of Indiana, is now director of the USDA Office of Agricultural Defense Relations. Like his fellow Indianian, Claude Wickard, Mr. Townsend is a dirt farmer....he owns and his son operates (now that Mr. Townsend is in Washington) a 360-acre farm in Grant County, Indiana.

As head of the OADR the ex-Governor has one of the busiest jobs in agriculture....for example, one of the OADR's duties is to provide agriculture with sufficient tools, labor, and transportation to carry out its part in the defense effort.

In seeing to it that OPM considers the farmer's needs in the allocation of steel, tires and insecticide, the Hoosier needs all the persuasion he can muster from his lengthy experience as a former school teacher and Indiana statesman.



FIRE! FIRE! No conference is complete without some visiting firemen holding down the most comfortable seats and making mental notes (notes to you if you don't like this, Massa Thigpen) on how they can improve things in their own regions in the light of all they are learning at the Northeast conference. These gentlemen, distinguished by the calm that comes only from an utter lack of responsibility and the possession of a map of the Metropolitan area with burlesque theaters marked in red, are sure to add great dignity and insight to the conference. They are.....

Jim Thigpen of East Central Division....a North Carolinian who turned renegade when it came "educatin" time and got his book larnin in Connecticut and Massachusetts colleges. Jim is the occupant of the "hot seat" as chief of the Marketing Quota Section of ECD....said seat heats up and cools off at the will and whimsy of southern tobacco, peanut, potato and hell raisers. Coming to AAA in the hectic days of 1933, Jim left his Southland in body but not spirit. A deep sense of responsibility to the farmers of his region is with him in all his activities.

Fred Ludwig of North Central is another gift of Iowa to Three A. As Field Representative of NCD, Fred may be expected to produce an Iowa corn stalk on challenge provided that a little side wager of a side of bacon or a New York cheese can be arranged. He operated the farm on which he was born until 1937 and, in addition, now owns a 213-acre adjacent farm. Has 200 hogs, feeds about 70 beef cattle and is building up his place with a long rotation of clover. A graduate of Iowa State, Fred became an AAA community committeeman in 1934, an Iowa Farmer Fieldman in 1934 and moved on Washington in 1938.

Just to prove that their men-folk aren't the only ones interested in Food-for-Freedom, this Northeast conference has a number of wives of Triple-A workers in attendance. Details are lacking (or censored) on the exact nature of the feminine deliberations....there being some question on the relative merits of a discussion of the coming wheat marketing quota referendum as opposed to a look-see at some of the town's dry goods displays. But whether shopping or getting down to the ground(s) over tea cups, we expect the ladies to have a powerful effect on the pow-wow. They should provide a strong reinforcement for the forces of moral uplift -- the editors -- and we're mighty glad to have 'em with us.

And while dealing with the finer things, we must mention the presence of the Washington feminine contingent. At some time or other, you're sure to want their capable assistance. First, there's Blondie better known as the Boss' Memory, Miss Inez Seastrand. She will be aided and abetted by Mrs. Virginia Lyle who will look after registrations, travel information, free tickets (not those given by the NY Police), Miss Cecil Keatts (pronounced Kates as in Kate Smith), Mrs. Ellen Lovejoy (pronounced as spelled, my friend), and Mrs. Julia George of the family of the same name. Look for 'em in the Library, but not after 7:30 p.m.

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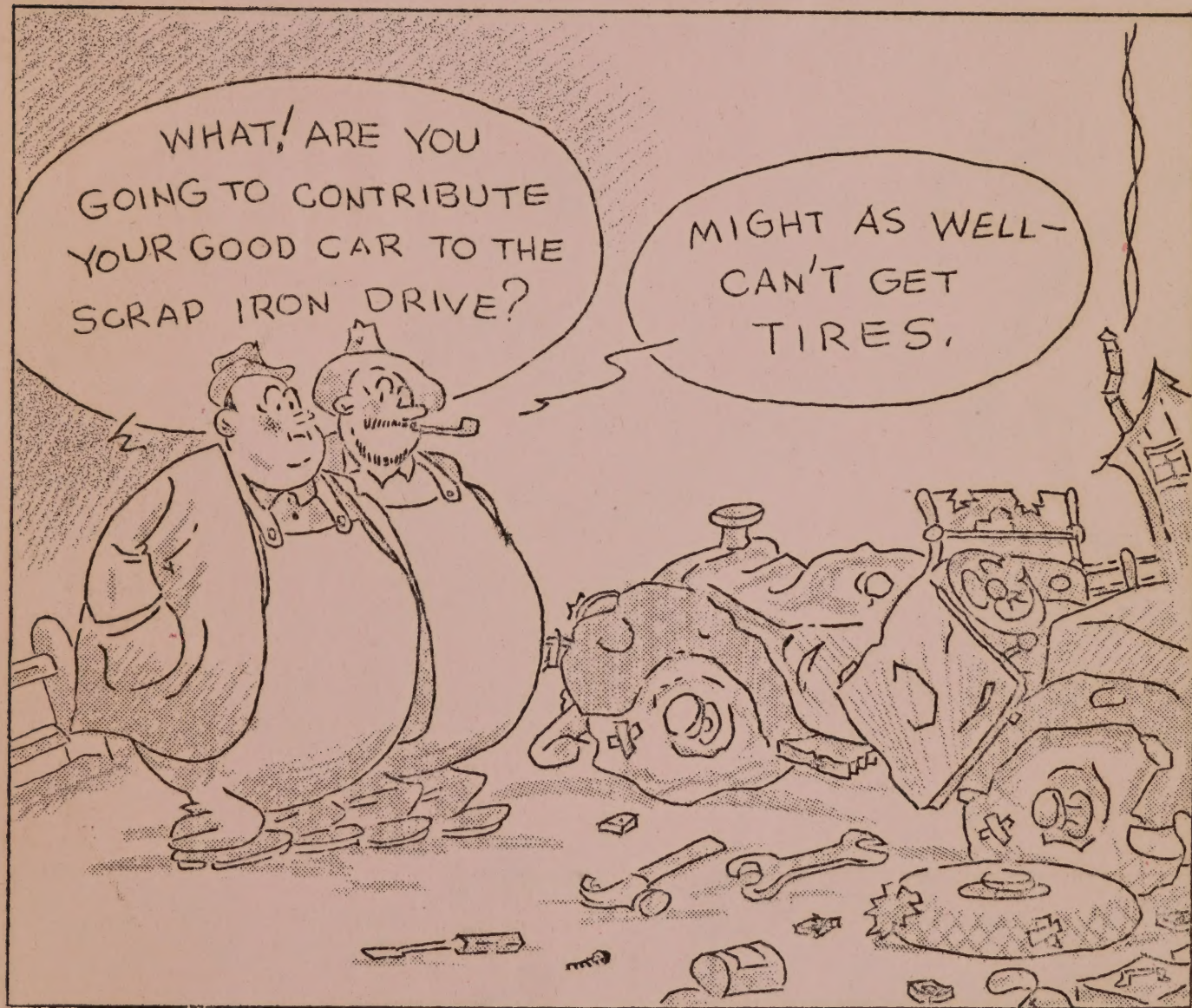
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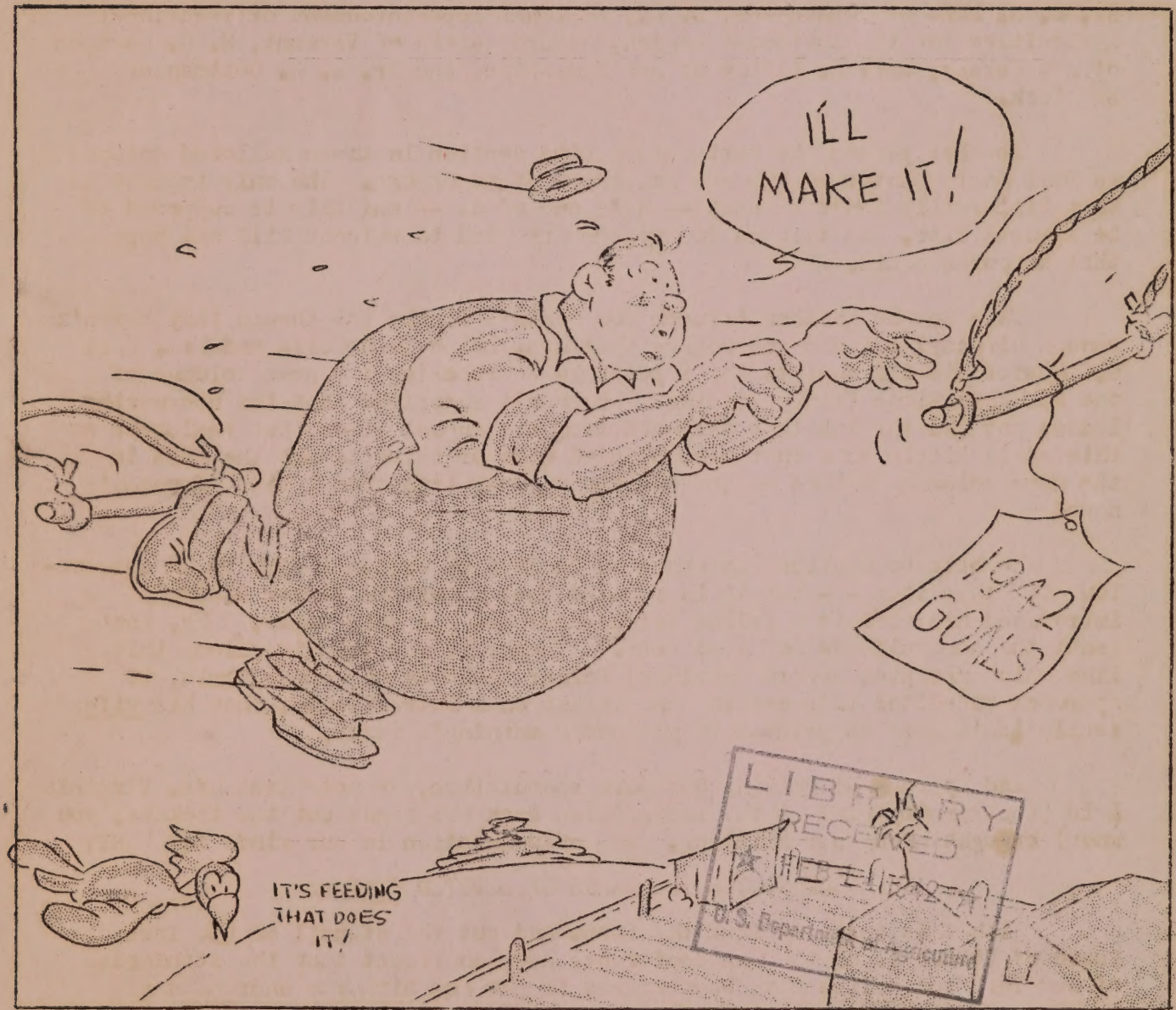
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THE DAIRYING YOUNG MAN ON THE
FLYING TRAPEZE!

A conference is known by the company it keeps, or something to that effect, and in this case we feel rather good about the class the Northeast finds itself in. For instance, Friday morning we were honored by the presence of two State Commissioners of Agriculture -- Mark H. Galusha of Massachusetts, O. F. King of Connecticut, and a Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, W. S. Dunn of New York.

And if we want to think about the post-war future of agriculture there are few persons who are better qualified to speak up than the teachers and advisers of the youth of today and the farmers of tomorrow, superintendents of vocational agriculture. Among those with us are ... Dr. C. H. Lane of Washington, D. C., Regional Superintendent of Vocational Agriculture for the Northeast Region, Howard Martin of Vermont, H. O. Sampson of New Jersey, Earl H. Little of New Hampshire, and Dr. A. K. Gettman of New York.

Another person who certainly merits mention in these hallowed columns is Bill Neal, Master of the New Hampshire State Grange. The only trouble is that Bill really isn't a guest -- he's one of us -- and this is supposed to be a guest list. Be that as it may, we are glad to welcome Bill and hope that he comes again.

This may be another triumph for women's rights (as though they haven't enough already) but did you notice that Mrs. Ralph Y. DeWolfe and Mrs. Carl G. Wooster did the next to the impossible by cracking the news columns of the New York Times Friday morning? We aren't surprised that the newsworthy ladies got all the ink that they did from the august Times, but residents of this staid little town must have blinked once or twice to see the gals in the news columns instead of the society page -- traditional site of women's news!

We hate to mention any names -- in fact we wouldn't dare to in connection with this item -- but it is rumored that a certain Farmer Fieldman introduced his wife to a fellow Triple-Ayer and got this reply, "Why, that isn't the same wife we met last year." Maybe it was thinking along this line which prompted Howard Cummings, Farmer Fieldman of Pennsylvania, to approach ye editor this morning and insist on a retraction....that his wife really isn't here as printed in yesterday morning's issue.

And approp• of nothing but pure speculation, we note that Mrs. Virginia Lyle (that pretty girl at the information desk who hands out the tickets, you know) brought along her knitting. The only question in our minds is: WHY?

FAREWELL TO OUR THIRTY YEARS OF DEVOTED READERS

With this issue we lock the forms and cut the stencil on the last issue of Volume II of the AAA Conference News confident that the standards of New York journalism have been raised to new and hitherto undreamed of levels. Fact of the matter is that we wouldn't be able to write this had our original intentions come true...we had a "Not Fitten for Printen" column all planned and ready to go....but for some reason or other our reporters found a minimum of horseplay and a maximum of really serious intention to do our part as producers of food to "Remember Pearl Harbor" in a concrete Yankee way.